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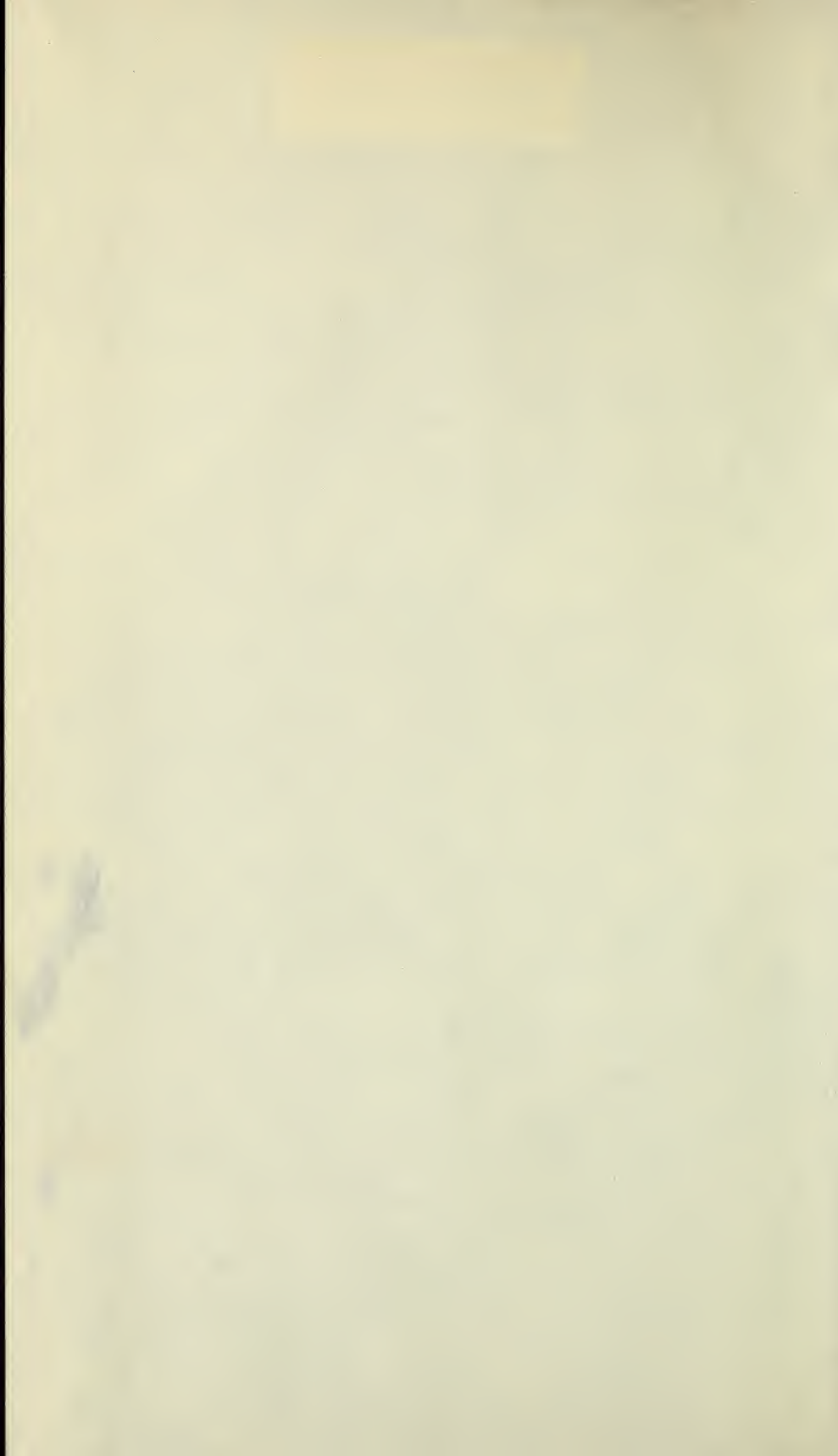
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CHAPTER XIII.

Indian Names.

The names of places on the New England coast adopted by the Indians were not single Algonquin words according to the system of the Europeans, but were compiled according to a widely different method. The Redmen selected some prominent feature in the locality as the principal element in a descriptive phrase and this became the name of that place. If the distinguishing object was a sharp rock, the phrase name would be "At the place of the sharp-pointed rock." Therefore these names were highly descriptive and furnish a guide to their derivation.

To reach the meaning it is necessary to ascertain all the words that entered into the composition of the original phrase and several serious obstacles are encountered. In the first place the chirography of the seventeenth century is obscure and there is absolutely no assistance to be obtained from the context. Comparisons must be made between the forms of the same name written at different dates and by several men. From this it may be possible to ascertain what was the name which was used by the Indians.

Then there was at that period no uniform system of orthography. Each man spelled as he talked without regard to any standard. If the scribes were men of limited education, there was additional difficulty. If, however, the actual name as spoken by the Indians was finally recovered, the labor of analyzing it into its components comes next in order. In forming the phrase name the Redmen did not use

the whole of each constituent part but only what is called the "Root." In the analysis the highest degree of linguistic skill is demanded. Often only a small fraction of the word is used and from the fragment the whole word must be inferred. Then frequently there may be several ways in which a word may be divided. Thus the name Nantucket may be analyzed Nant-uck-et or Nan-tuck-et and widely different results would be reached. Only by trial can the correct division be proved. It is at this point that the descriptive feature in the name becomes a guide to its meaning. When the student has made all possible divisions of the word and obtained the meanings of each, then must be applied the final test to discover which finds a response in the local situation. If there is nothing in the place that confirms the meaning then one of two things is true: Either the supposed meaning is wrong or the name is in the wrong place by which is meant that it has been transferred from some other locality. If the supposed meaning of the name involves the idea of "rock" and none can be found, one of these two conclusions must follow, and generally it is the first because there is something in the records to reveal the fact of a transfer if there has been any. If as sometimes occurs there is not only one appropriate meaning but two or more, it is very difficult to prove which was intended by the Indians.

This brief outline will suggest only a faint idea of the extent and difficulty of these obstacles. If there were only some final resort to which to appeal for a settlement, the case of difficult problems might at least be solved. But no help can be obtained from native sources because the language heard by the Pilgrim and Puritan has ceased to be spoken for over a century and the Redmen had no way to preserve any written language.

Then there is no college of experts who can agree on the etymology or meanings of Indian names. In this department of historical research students differ widely in their views and opinions and those most learned are often farthest

apart in their conclusions. Occasionally there is one like Dr. Trumbull who commands universal respect. At the present time there is none whose standing makes him an authority.

When any student pursues the subject beyond the surface, he finds that there were numerous dialects even in New England, and that they differed in essential particulars. Experience Mayhew of Edgartown, one of the most proficient Indian scholars of his day, travelled in Connecticut and had to carry an interpreter with him, as he could not converse in the dialects west of Rhode Island. The only printed Dictionary is based on the dialect of Indians at Natick, and this must be used in the investigation of Nantucket names because no other is available.

When Thomas Mayhew in 1659 sold Nantucket to the men from Massachusetts Bay, none of them were acquainted with the Indian language. For more than a decade the Mayhews had been giving the subject close attention and had acquired familiarity with the Redmen and their customs and manners. The younger Mayhew had become a skillful preacher to the Indians, and some of his descendants, notably the one named "Experience," became famous as a missionary at the Vineyard. During a part of this period before 1659 Peter Folger was a resident at Edgartown and had acquired such knowledge of the Indian tongue that he was qualified as an interpreter. It was arranged that he should become one of the Nantucket company to assist them in their relations with the Redmen. Reference has heretofore been made to his skill in dealing with the natives. During the first twenty years after the settlement Folger was the strong man who controlled and managed the Nantucket Indians. He had a son and grandson, each named Eleazer, who succeeded him in the same line. These three men kept a great portion of the early records, and all that has been preserved was written by them. While the chirography is not always clear and the orthography not uniform, yet as far as they committed to writing any fragment of the Algonquin language, it can be

understood with as great certainty as elsewhere in New England. Beside the place names appearing in land transfers there are several deeds written in the Indian language, and some of them accompanied by translations. Then a few names are given in the documents to be found in chapters 7 and 8 of this work.

The last resident of Nantucket who was acquainted with the Indian language was Zaccheus Macy who died before 1800. He prepared a valuable paper on the Natives of Nantucket for the Massachusetts Historical Society and this contained some names with meanings.

From all these sources, the place names have been collected and are included in the following list.

It is not expected that the derivations and meanings given herein, will be accepted without dispute nor that different results may not finally be established. Owing to the interest in Indian names and the study that is now directed towards this branch of history, some considerable advance is likely to be accomplished in the future and in that state of information, changes are likely to occur which will conform to the requirements of critical analysis.

The name "Nantucket" has been the subject of considerable discussion and conjecture, and it has not escaped the usual efforts of the humorist. The folk-lore of New England includes the story of the man who had two daughters. Martha and Nancy and to one he gave the largest of the Islands which was named "Marthas Vineyard" and as to the other "Nancy took it." This highly pleasing romance has been current for generations and by a considerable portion of the people has been accepted as actual History. In the mean time there have been attempts to explain the name and some have suggested that it was of Norse origin, but the form clearly marks it as Algonquin. The first explorers, omitted to chronicle much about the Island and did not record its name. About 1616, Capt. Adriaen Block explored the coast eastward from New Amsterdam to the end of Cape Cod and a map was prepared known as DaLact's and dated

1630. Here is given the earliest known name of the Island as Natocke or Natocks, in reality the same name. In a confirming grant signed by Ferdinand Georges, the name is given Nautican which some have suspected was a latinized variation of Natocke. In the Royal grant to Mayhew in 1641, the modern name of Nantucket for the first time appears. All other forms of the name are various methods of spelling one of these three, which all scholars now agree to be derived from the same Indian place name. Divested of unessential letters and terminations these three early forms are thus presented: Natock, Nautic and Natuck. The first and third are identical and the second will be of value for purposes of comparison. It is possible to analyze this name into two sets of Roots thus: "Na-tuck" or "Nat-uck" and two widely different meanings will result. It has also occurred that each part has been derived from a different Algonquin word and this has given rise to a variety of explanations. In 1881 Alexander Starbuck wrote that he had submitted the name to a great scholar in this branch of History who had stated that the name might have the same meaning as Natick, "the place of hills." Concerning this derivation there are several objections. In the first place the meaning is not apt. This Island is not hilly to the extent of Marthas Vineyard or any part of the Mainland. It is no more "the place of hills," than the place of "Rivers." Every section of coast in New England has an uneven surface but this does not entitle them to such designation. But the chief obstacle is that the name "Natick" may not mean "a place of hills." Since the death of that eminent Algonquin scholar, Dr. J. H. Trumbull, the leading authority in Indian place names in the North Atlantic states has been Dr. W. W. Tooker of Sag Harbor, Long Island. In an essay on the name "Natick," Dr. Tooker reviews all other explanations, rejects the "Hill" interpretation and concludes the meaning to be "the place of our search," a derivation which can have no historical application to Nantucket.

Another student suggested that the word might be allied to Pawtucket, "the place of the falls," referring to the surf thundering on the shore. This however is merely fanciful.

Dr. Tooker himself has recently written "that the analysis might be "Na-tuck," meaning "a neck of trees." But this cannot be considered descriptive of the Island. Aside from the "tree" idea, which may be a fact, there can be no significance in calling this Island a "Neck"; nor is the derivation fortified by suggesting that "Great Point" was originally a wooded neck and this circumstance may have given the name to the whole Island. A simpler and more direct meaning must have been intended.

The salient feature about Nantucket is that it is an island a great way or far off at sea, and if the etymology would give that derivation, it would meet local and linguistic requirements. Noadt and Nauwot, have exactly that signification. Nawatick, meaning "far off at sea," is singularly close in form to both Natoke and Nautic. Unless therefore it is established that there is some insuperable objection to the derivation, it seems to be natural and according to the Indian method to derive the name Nat-ock-et—"at the land far away or far off at sea."

Acemy or Acomat, accompanying the first deed from the Sachems to the English, June 20, 1659, was a plan showing this name as applying to the Neck extending south from the Swamp and partly enclosed by the hook formation of Hummock Pond. The name was later applied to the pond. It was derived from Ongkomae, meaning "on the other side" or "over the water."

Aquoonogqutut. One of the bounds of the territory of Niconoose, mentioned in his will, on page 161 of this work, and translated by Experience Mayhew "the hole where a stone stands."

Ahapahant or Ahapachonsett. The land on the west side of Squam Pond, mentioned in a deed from Nicanoose in 1667. In this region was one of the principal villages of the Indians.

Aquidness. In 1687 Stephen Hussey purchased "a Neck called Aquidness." It was located east of Shimmoo and in modern times has been called Abraham's Point. While the form of the name closely resembles Aquidneck; which is said to mean "at the Island," its signification must be very different. The above name is closely allied to Aquitnet or its abbreviated form Quidnet and means "at the extremity of" or "at the point."

Bocochico. In 1744 the proprietors laid out the section adjoining the harbor, bounded by Main, Federal and Broad Streets. Its derivation may be "Po-kutche-co," meaning "next to the harbor."

Bogue. The end of Coatue Peninsula, across the harbor entrance from Brant Point.

Cupaum. Before 1700, the Pond north-west of the water works was open to the sea and called Cuppaum Harbor. The name means "an inclosed place."

Chappanacoy. An unidentified region near the meadows at Ashimmo.

Chapomis and Chappapemiset. It was near South Shore and between Surfside and Tom Never's Head. 1691 the Sachem to the town land bounded by "the great valley at Choppapemisset."

Coatue or Coweightuet. In 1660 conveyed by the Sachem to Edward Starbuck. In 1688 an order was adopted by the proprietors "that no pines should be cut down and carried away from Coatue." The name is derived from "Cowatuck" meaning "at the pine woods." This point was also designated as Nauma, which Z. Macy said meant "Long Point."

Consue. The meadows at the south end of Union Street. In 1721, Negro Africa, a slave of Wm. Gayer, lived in this locality. Owing to the fact that this name is identical in form with the Indian word meaning "pickerel," some explanation is required why this is not the meaning. It is a principle that if the name of an animal is used, there must also be something in the place name to show the relation of

the animal to that locality; also the name must show whether it relates to water, land, or some other object. This name does neither. Nor is there any "pickerel" in the region. The name may be derived from "Quan-Saupe," meaning "a long miry place," referring to the extensive bogs.

Coskata. The section of Great Point north of Wauwinnet, near the pond of the same name, where Macy said "are some woods." The word may be derived from "Coshkag-tuck," meaning "at the broad woods."

Cotackta. A section southwest from Wauwisset where there is a large rock.

Hash Kinnet-chaopket. A bound of the territory of Nicanoose east of Polpis.

Hummock. The great Pond two miles west from the town, at first called Acomat. The neck partly inclosed by the south end was called Nanuahumake. Probably the modern name of the Pond came from this.

Kachkesset. A region near the south shore bordering on the west side of Hummock Pond, where the homesteads of Richard and John Swain were first located. The name is derived from Kutchessik and means "at the beginning."

Maddaket or **Mattaket.** The region at the west end of the Island. Elsewhere in several instances this name means "Bad land," but why this should be applied here is not clear, as there are other places where Nantucket lands are equally as valueless.

Mardadpoquehy. A swampy slow or pond by the road near Mascotuck at Polpis.

Mashquaponitib. Stated in 1668 in the will of Nicanoose to be one of the bounds of his territory.

Masquetuck or **Mascotuck.** A neck of land retained by Thomas Mayhew when he sold the Island of Nantucket. It is on the west side of Polpis Harbor. The name originally referred to the brook which flows into the Harbor at this point and means "Reed River." The Reeds or Rushes were much prized by the Indians for weaving into mats. The

word meaning "Reed" is used in many forms in place names.

Masquopack. A creek that runs through Pocomo Meadows. The name is derived from "Masqu-avcup-ack" and means "Reed Creek Land."

Mattaquitcham. A pond at south shore, east from Surf Side. In 1692 the Sachem conveyed to the Town "land at west side of Mattaquitcham Pond."

Mekinnoowake. In the will of Wauwinet given as one of the bounds of his lands.

Miacomet. The Pond at south shore, west from Surf Side. Derived from "Maayeakomuk," meaning "the Meeting House."

Mioxes. Two small ponds west from Surf Side. The name has the same derivation as Miacomet, and means "at the small Meeting Place."

Mona. The region on the Sconset Road south of the second milestone. 1692 the Sachem to the Town, land one bound of which was "the well on Mona." The name is derived from a word meaning "deep" and may refer to said well.

Monomoy. As originally applied, it meant the region around the creeks northward from the asylum. The name may be derived from two words meaning "deep-black" or "black soil" and refer to the black, miry soil in the locality.

Muskeget, on DaLaet's Map, **Kotget.** The westernmost island of the Nantucket group. It is also spelled Moskeiket.

Nanahumacke. The Neck partly inclosed by the south end of Hummock Pond, and from which the pond was named.

Nashawomank. A neck of upland extending into a swamp near Nobottom Pond. Derived from "Nashau-komuck," and means "an inclosed place in the midst of the swamp."

Nashayte. Name of Swain's Neck at Polpis, and derived from "Nashua-tuck," and means the "tract between two tidal streams," and refers to the land between the two branches of Polpis Harbor.

Nauma. Another name of Coatue, and according to Z. Macy means "the Long Point."

Nebadier or Napaneah. A pond east of Surf Side and a bound in 1668 between the territories of the Sachems.

Nopque. Smiths Point at the west end of the Island. It means "the point farthest away." The word "Noapogs," meaning the "far off people," was applied to residents of the Vineyard and the term was abbreviated to Noapx. At one time there were four men named Peter Coffin, one of whom lived at Edgartown. In the records he is named Peter Nope.

Orkawa. The section west from Sankaty and the location of the largest Indian Village on the Island and of one of their Meeting Houses. In other parts of New England the name appears as Agawam.

Ougquahquam. A flaggy marsh near some rocks in the meadows at Shimmoo.

Pasocha. At the west edge of the great Valley at Chop-papemeset. It means "a place separated."

Penetahpah. The next great creek above Ashimmo.

Popsquatchet. Macy says "the Hills where our three mills now stand." The name seems to mean "Rocky Hill."

Pochick. So far as known, first applied to the shoal a mile distant from the shore at Siasconset; later it refers to the bluff south of the village. See Sankaty.

Pocomo. The land forming the east side of Polpis Harbor. The same name in Connecticut translated "a clear fishing place or a round fishing place."

Pocoy. The region near south shore, east of Hummock Pond. Derived from "Pohki," meaning "clear, open."

Polpis. The village midway between the Town and Wauwinet. Originally the name was spelled "Poatpes" and then "Podpis." The name means "a branching harbor or cove."

Pquaopuackus. An open tract or island in Gibbs Swamp.

Quaise. Z. Macy writes, "the famous neck of land called Quaise or Masquotuck which in English signifies Reed

Land." This meaning applies to the second name. Quaise probably comes from "Uhquae," and means "at the end or extremity of," and refers to the point.

Quanata. The hill that extends from Main Street, on the east side of Orange, southerly to Newtown. It means "the long hill."

Quidnet or **Aquitnet.** The region south of Wauwinet "where the fishing stages" are located. See Aquidness.

Sacacha. In 1682 in a deed to Richard Gardner "where his stage stands at Sisackachat." Later the name was applied to the Pond. If the name is derived from "Seseck-adchu," it may mean Rattlesnake Hill. There was a hill with that name at Polpis. If this derivation is correct, it refers to a situation different from the present for there are no rattlesnakes on the Island and none of any variety at Sacacha.

Sankaty. The hill north of Siasconset on which is the lighthouse. In 1691 the Sachem sold to the Town, land "between old Siasconset and Sanckatank." The name Sankata may be derived from "Sanquiadene," meaning "cool hill."

Z. Macy writes this region was also named Naphchecay which signifies "round the Head." This name is derived from "Neppi-check-oy," and means "on the other side of Pochick." This becomes important in the discussion of Pochick.

Seanakonkonet. In 1668 a bound of Sachems near Toupche Pond at south shore.

Shawkemo. 1673 John Gardner purchased meadow east of the creek called "Shawkemo." Macy wrote "Showau-camor" signifies the "middle field of land."

Shimmoo or **Ashimmo.** In 1668 one bound between the Sachems was "the spring at Shimmo." In the Proprietors Records in 1772 it is "Ashimmo." The name means "a spring."

Siasconsett. In the Sachem deed in 1691 the land began "at a great stone near the bank at Old Siasconset, then

north to Sanckatank." In 1755 "Siasconset Roots" were laid out. In the swampy lands southwest, there grew a species of ground nuts which were pulled up and eaten by the Indians. These were the Roots. The locality of Siasconset was near the bank at the site of the present village. Macy in his essay refers to different localities in this region but does not give any meaning to this name. The object described has the unusual word "old" preceding it which must have considerable significance because it is rare to find an English adjective modifying an Indian place name. The termination "set," meaning "near" prevents the word being the name of a person. The object had grown "old" since it had first become the feature marking the spot. The problem is to ascertain that distinguishing mark. There is nothing in the name that could denote a house or other structure or a tree. Probably the first syllable "Si" is derived from the word "Missi" meaning "great," the first syllable having been dropped "askon" is a word meaning "horn or bone." It is no unusual sight along the shores of southern New England to observe the massive bones of whales. That there were frequently bodies of whales cast on shore at Nantucket is apparent from the regulations on page 137. The word "old" as applied to such an object would be appropriate. So unless a different analysis can be established, the derivation would be, "Missi-askon-sett," meaning "near the great bone."

Squam. It is an abbreviated form of Wunnisquam which was used in 1668 in the description of the lands of Nicanoose, and in 1690 in the deed to Wm. Bunker. The name denotes "at the top of the Rock."

Squotesit. A locality not identified, where in 1674 was one of the three Indian Meeting Houses.

Stirvakenishoos. In 1678 one of the bounds of "Masquetuck was the spring under the Rattlesnake Hill, commonly called Stirvakenishoos."

Tautemeo. The name given to the south end of Hummock Pond. Z. Macy writes "the West Sea called Tautemeo which we call Hummock Pond."

Tawnatpeinse. A locality near Washaman's Island in the vicinity of No Bottom Pond.

Tetaukimmo. A place north of the second milestone on the Siasconset Road. Derived from "Toh-ke-kom," meaning "a spring."

Toupche. A small pond three miles west from Tom Nevens Head, near the south shore.

Tuckanuck. The island next west of Nantucket. In 1630 the name is given on DaLaet's Map as Petockenock, which means "a round cake of Bread." Macy translates it "a loaf of Bread."

Wamasquid. An unidentified locality, where in 1674 there was an Indian Meeting House.

Wannacomet. The region on the north side of the Island, east of the water works, conveyed by this name by the Indians in 1664. Macy used the form "Watercomet," which he translated "Pond Field," but the original name was derived from a different Root and meant "fine or beautiful field."

Wauwinet. The name given in modern times to the place at the head of the Harbor. It was never used by the Indians as a place name. Wauwinet was one of the early Sachems whose territory included this locality. The name means "I testify" or in deeds where it is always used "Witness my hand."

Weequodnoy. The strip of land between Sacacha Pond and the ocean.

Weeweder. A pond near Surf Side at south shore. Translated by Macy "a pair of horns," alluding to the shape of the pond.

Wequitaquage. Region at head of Hummock Pond; a bound in 1660 in the Sachem deed to the settlers. A similar name in Connecticut has been translated "at the head of a tidal River." How this can find any local corroboration is not clear unless it relates to a period when Hummock Pond was an arm of the sea.

Wesquo. The section in the present town north of Main

Street. In 1664 Lily Pond was called Wesquo Pond. Z. Macy translates it "White Rock," the tradition being that there was somewhere in the region a prominent quartz boulder. In 1710, in deeds to Samuel Gardner, the land was at a place called "the White Rock" and in 1722 a bound was "at a rock in the side of a hill commonly called the White Rock." The name is derived from "Wohsumoequssuk," and means "a bright stone."

CHAPTER XIV.

Wills and Estates.

The records in the Probate Office commence in 1706, when James Coffin was appointed Judge and Eleazer Folger, Register of Probate. But there are earlier transactions recorded in the books in the Registry of Deeds. As explained in chapter on the Courts of Nantucket, there must have been some crude judicial system before 1671, but if so no records have been preserved. When the Decree of Lovelace established a method of electing judges, Richard Gardner was chosen, and then in 1671 begins the earliest record that has been preserved, and this is in Book 2 in the Registry of Deeds. It contains all transactions down to 1706, when, at the death of Captain John Gardner, the Probate Department was separated from the others and its proceedings kept in distinct books. But no probate records under the old system appear before 1680. Captain John Gardner was commissioned by Governor Andros, November 10, 1680, as Chief Justice, and he held the office until his death in 1706.

Scattered through Book 2 in the Registry of Deeds are fragmentary items relating to estates of deceased persons, but considering the number of inhabitants and the amount of property they had, it seems certain that all proceedings were not recorded. There was no register and some of the records are in the illegible chirography of Captain Gardner. In one case where a release was given by Jedediah and Abigail Fitch, there is reference to a will that it not recorded. The following is a list of what appears in these records:

March 3, 1680-81. Inventory of estate of Nathaniel Wyer, showing an estate of £36, including a house and ten acres of land valued at £5, "an old bibell and 5 other books." His widow, Sarah, was appointed administratrix.

August, 1681. Administration on estate of Benjamin Austin, valued at £21, and ordered distributed to Brothers Thomas and Nathaniel and Sisters Deborah Coffin and Mary Gardner.

November 29, 1681. Administration on estate of Tristram Coffin granted to sons, James, John and Stephen. Estate later given to widow, Dionis.

August 1, 1682. Administration on estate of Thomas Macy granted to his son John. The estate was valued at £71, of which about one-half was land and the rest cattle.

At the same date, Richard Swain was appointed administrator of the estate of his father Richard, and Tobiah Coleman of the estate of his father Thomas.

December 5, 1682. Probated will of Robert Barnard, of which his widow Joan was probably executrix, but there is no record of the contents of the will.

Scrupulous attention was given to the selection in these cases of four appraisers. Nathaniel Barnard, Stephen Coffin, Thomas Look and Richard Swain seemed to be in favor with the court, but the inventories were not recorded.

August 23, 1683. Sarah Wyer had become incapable of administering, so John Swain, her son-in-law, was appointed in her behalf, but of what estate the record is silent, but probably of Nathaniel Wyer.

March 18, 1688-89. Sarah Gardner, widow of Richard Gardner, Sr., administratrix on his estate.

August 12, 1690. Administration on estate of Joseph Coleman granted to William Bunker and Stephen Coffin.

May, 1692. Administration on estate of John Walch granted to Nathaniel Starbuck.

The foregoing comprise all known records of Probate Proceedings before 1706, which indicates that there must have been others not preserved. At that period there must

have been more than eight estates settled in court in twenty-six years.

From 1706 to the date of the Revolution the Judges of Probate were James Coffin, Richard Gardner, George Bunker, George Gardner, Jeremiah Gardner, Grafton Gardner, Jethro Hussey.

Eleazer Folger was Register, 1706-1754, and his successor was Frederick Folger.

After the establishment of a District Court of Probate, with judge and register, the records are well kept and complete, but no original papers have been preserved before the Revolution.

A descriptive index of the Probate Records down to the Revolutionary War will now be presented, but these items are not in any sense copies. The purpose of the schedule being to furnish materials in constructing genealogies, it was intended to include the names and relations of all persons interested and such dates as the records contain, but practically the whole substance of wills and inventories has been omitted. It will, however, indicate the general subjects to be found in the Probate Office, but for full and complete details, reference must be had to the original records.

September 27, 1706. Hannah Coffin, widow of Tristram Coffin, administratrix of his estate. His heirs were Stephen Coffin, Jr., brother; Jedidah Fitch, sister. In the inventory were mentioned whalebone, sheep and a silver cup.

October 4, 1706. Nathaniel Starbuck, Jr., blacksmith, and Nathaniel Barnard, Jr., administrators of the estate of Peter Coffin.

October 11, 1706. Jedidiah Fitch of New London, mariner, Jethro Coffin and George Gardner, appointed administrators of the estate of Peter Coffin.

1706. Will of Edward Cartwright was probated and the witnesses were William Gayer, Richard Gardner and Ann Bunker. To his wife Elizabeth he devised one-half of his house for life, and his daughters, Susannah and Mary, were

to have forty shillings the day each was married. His lands at Pocomo, where his house stood, was given equally to his three sons, Nicholas, Sampson and Edward. Will dated August 28, 1705.

October 2, 1706. The will of Captain John Gardner probated. He signed by his mark, being probably in feeble health, in the presence of William Gayer, James Coffin, William Worth and Eleazer Folger. To his daughters, Priscilla Arthur, Rachel Gardner, Ann Coffin, Mehitable Dawes, pecuniary legacies. To daughters Mary Coffin and Ruth Coffin, land at Marthas Vineyard. To grandsons, Jeremiah and Nathaniel Gardner, legacies of money. His house, lands and one-eighth of the water mill in Salem to his grandson George. To wife Priscilla, a life estate in all his lands, and at her death all lands and "housing" on Nantucket to son George. His widow was named as executrix, and after her his son George, and he provided that James Coffin and his cousin Samuel Gardner and Richard Gardner should be assistants. Will dated December 2, 1705.

June 19, 1707. Probated will of Peter Folger, the witnesses being Richard Gardner, George Bunker, George Gardner and Joseph Marshall. The use of the entire estate was given to his widow Judith for her life, and then, after pecuniary legacies to daughters Anna Keziah, Eunice and Mary, on the day of their marriage, all the real estate to son Daniel. The widow was appointed executrix, with the assistance of "my unkle Nathaniel Gardner and brother-in-law Stephen Coffin, Jr." Will was dated February 24, 1707.

September 27, 1706. Stephen Coffin, Jr., was appointed guardian of Eunice Coffin, orphan daughter of Peter Coffin. and Jethro Starbuck was appointed guardian of Jemima, the daughter of Peter Coffin.

A release given by Abigail Fitch and her husband Jedidiah to Nathaniel Barnard, dated February 3, 1708, recited, that Peter Coffin died November, 1699, leaving considerable estate to his wife Elizabeth and her four children, Tristram, Abigail, Eunice and Jemima. But the will was disallowed

by John Gardner, Esq., then Judge of Probate, and the widow was appointed administratrix. She married Nathaniel Barnard December 2, 1702, before any settlement had been made of the estate of her first husband, "which by the death of John Gardner, Esq., was rendered impossible."; she, the said Elizabeth, dying before any other person could be appointed Judge of Probate, and four days after the death of Tristram Coffin, only son of Peter, who a little before his death had married Hannah Brown of Nantucket, which made the settlement still more difficult; before the decease of Elizabeth, Jedidiah Fitch had married Abigail, the oldest daughter of Peter Coffin. Hannah, the widow of the brother Tristram, is now wife of Jonathan Pinkham.

October 24, 1710. Will of William Gayer admitted to probate on the testimony of Richard Gardner, Eleazer Folger, Jr., Jabez Bunker, Eunice Gardner and Judith Gardner. To his house-keeper, Patience Foot, a house and lot for life, and "to Africa, a negro once my servant," the east chamber of my now dwelling house and one-half of the leanto for life. To my son William, if he shall ever come hither again, one whole shore of Nantucket. To my daughters, Damaris Coffin and Dorcas Starbuck, land I had from my father-in-law, Edward Starbuck. Dated September 21, 1710.

[Note. The son never appeared and the rest of the property was treated as their own by the two daughters.] His tryhouse mentioned.

August 5, 1712. Probated the will of William Bunker, the witnesses being Joseph and Benjamin Swain and Nathan and Eleazer Folger, Jr. "My sons George and Jonathan being by me already advanced." received only small legacies. To his wife Mary the "west end of my house she lives in for life." To son Benjamin "my house and lot." To daughters Jane Bunker, Ann Paddock, Abigail and Mary Bunker, small legacies. Rest of property to sons Jabez, Thomas and Peleg. Dated June 22, 1712.

May 15, 1713. Will of Nathaniel Gardner was probated by the testimony of John Coleman, Jr., Jethro and Dorcas Starbuck and Priscilla Coleman. Only persons named were son Ebenezer and his oldest daughter, Hannah Bunker, and there was mentioned a younger daughter who had been brought up by Hannah Bunker. Dated November 18, 1710. Personal estate valued at £484, which was distributed to children Ebenezer, Peleg, Nathaniel, Andrew, Abel, Hannah Bunker, Judith Barnard, Margaret Gardner and Susannah Gardner. Inventory mentioned great Bible, linen, needles and knives from London, quadrant and Gunter's scale, shoemaker's tools, books, silver spoons and silver cup and money scales.

January 27, 1717-18. The will of John Swain was probated. The witnesses were William Worth, John Folger, Robert Long and Moses Giles. Pecuniary legacies were given to Mary Mason, daughters Sarah, Hannah, Patience and son Stephen, and the balance of his estate to sons John, Joseph, Benjamin, and daughter Elizabeth Sevalle. Dated February 9, 1714-15. His estate, £310, included a silver tankard, Bible, chiney platter, and a fashionable table.

August 20, 1715. Joanna Coleman, widow of John, appointed administratrix of his estate. The heirs were Thomas, Isaac, Jeremiah, Solomon, John, Benjamin, Phebe Cathcart and Abigail Tisdale.

March 26, 1716. John Macy had died intestate and his children divided his real estate. Thomas Macy had the dwelling house and the others were Richard Jabez, Sarah Barnard, Deborah Russell, Bethia Coffin. A daughter, Mary Coleman, had died, and her daughter Abigail took her part.

May 13, 1718. Will of Stephen Hussey probated. "To avoid contests and janglings, I have made many wills heretofore which I hereby declare null and void, and this is my last will." To my wife Martha my property for life; and a negro woman named Sarah, and after her to my sons George and Sylvanus. To my son Sylvanus, a negro boy named Mark, and to my daughter Teodate, a negro girl

Dorothy. "My law books to my son Bachelor for the use of his son Stephen." To daughters Mary Worth, Puella Gorham, and Abigail Howes, pecuniary legacies. Dated 5 mo. 17, 1716. The witnesses were Barnabas Gardner, Richard Swain, Richard Macy, William Worth and Ruth Gardner.

May 13, 1718. Will of Deborah Coffin of Edgartown probated, on testimony of Stephen, John and Jonathan Coffin and Eleazer Folger. To son Tristram, lands in New Hampshire. To daughter Hannah Gardner, a brass kettle. To daughter Deborah Macy, my looking glass, two pairs of gold buttons and a silver bodkin. Dated March 4, 1718.

June 11, 1718. Will of Nathaniel Barnard probated. Witnesses were Joseph Coffin, Edward Allen, Benjamin Trott and Eleazer Folger. To my grandson Nathaniel Barnard, the land at Wesco that I had from my father-in-law, Robert Barnard. To sons John and Stephen, land at Wesco and other estate to children Nathaniel, Benjamin, Ebenezer, Mary Folger, Sarah Currier, Eleanor Coffin, Abigail Chase, and granddaughter Experience Ellis. Dated April 7, 1718.

July 11, 1718. Property of Eleazer Folger, deceased, divided between Eleazer, Nathan, Sarah Odar, Mary Arthur.

September 11, 1718. Judith Barnard, widow of Nathaniel Barnard, appointed administratrix of his estate, valued at £405, including a chafing dish, lanthorn, dryping pan, one Beacor and book.

January 22, 1719. Will of Richard Pinkham probated. Witnesses Hannah Bunker, Abigail Fitch, Lydia Long. To wife Mary, his estate for life. Daughter Deborah Macy, only child named. Dated April 28, 1718.

December 7, 1728. Nathaniel Chase appointed guardian of Peter Barnard, fifteen years old.

December 27, 1718. Nathaniel Barnard had left real estate worth £2,460, and the same went to widow Judith, who had married a Wilcox, and four children, Peter Barnard, Doreas Barney, wife of Jacob, Elizabeth, and Nathaniel Barnard.

August 29, 1719. Will of Nathaniel Starbuck probated. Witnesses Thomas Macy, Thomas Clark, William Stratton, John Macy. Will dated 4 mo. 14, 1716, when his wife Mary was alive, and a codicil dated 9 mo. 20, 1717, after her decease. Pecuniary legacies given to daughters Eunice Gardner, Priscilla Coleman, Hepsibah Hathaway, and the children of two deceased daughters, Mary Gardner and Elizabeth Barnard. His real estate was given to his sons, Barnabas, Nathaniel and Jethro.

October 13, 1719. Administration on estate of Joseph Coffin to his widow Bethia, and to Thomas Macy. Estate valued at £654, and in 1726 had become £1,237, and was then distributed to seven children, of whom three were sons. Guardians were appointed for Micah Coffin, 16; Hezekiah, 14; Miriam, Jedidah and Mary Coffin. The estate included a silver porringer, watch, chafen-dish and a negro boy.

December 11, 1719. Will of Jonathan Worth probated on testimony of William Stratton, George Brown, Edward Cartwright and Eleazer Folger. To wife Mary, the house for life and then to son John. Other lands to sons Ezekiel and Christopher.

August 12, 1720. Will of James Coffin probated. Witnesses Thomas, John and Richard Macy. Negro servant Hagar to Daughter Mary Gardner, and after her to son John; also great silver tankard. Pecuniary legacies to sons Nathaniel, John, Ebenezer and children of his deceased son Joseph. Real estate on Nantucket and Tuckanuck to sons James, Jonathan and grandsons Zaccheus, Hezekiah and Micah. His lands at Salisbury and Dover to daughters Mary Gardner, Dinah Starbuck, Deborah Bunker, Elizabeth Bunker, Ruth Gardner and the children of my daughter Abigail Gardner.

October 12, 1720. Nathan Folger appointed administrator of the estate of John Arthur Cardwainer.

September 13, 1721. Will of Jonathan Bunker probated. Witnessed by George Hussey, Jabez Bunker, Shubael Pinkham. To wife Mary, house for life and then to son James.

Money legacies to daughters Lydia Coffin, Ruth Coffin, Patience, Abigail and Judith. Other estate to sons Zachariah, Simeon, George and James.

September 23, 1721. Administration was granted on estate of Thomas Bunker, to George, Peleg and Jabez Bunker. It was valued at £1,000. It was divided between Mary Bunker, mother of deceased, George Bunker, Peleg Bunker, Jabez Bunker, Ann Paddock, Jane Wodson, Abigail Pinkham, Mary Coffin and the children of Jonathan and Benjamin Bunker, both deceased. In this estate were mentioned an Indian boy and girl, book of curiosities, old Bible, nine leafed table, quarles emblems, shoe buckles, brass chafing dish.

November 16, 1722. Elizabeth Bunker was appointed guardian of her younger children and Deborah Bunker of her children, none of whom were named on account of property which had come from estate of Thomas Bunker.

December 12, 1722. Nathan Folger was appointed guardian of Thomas Arthur and Persis Arthur, under 14, and in July, 1728, of Stephen, and May, 1728, of Priscilla, all children of John Arthur.

July 6, 1723. Jonathan Coffin administrator of estate of Nathan Skiff, valued at £188. The estate went to his mother. Sarah Skiff, and five sisters, Sarah Long, Patience Swain, Hannah Daggett, Mary Joyes, Beulah Bartholomew.

August 24, 1723. Damaris Coffin, widow of Nathaniel, appointed administratrix of his estate. In the schedule of property were great Bible, a dictionary, a great oval table, clock, great looking glass, 81 ounces of plate, negro George £50, Philis £42, and Sabina £15. Entire real estate £800.

The estate in 1729 was distributed to children Charles, Benjamin, William, Doreas Soley, Christian, Lydia and Gayer.

November 14, 1723. Will of James Gardner probated. To wife Mary, house for life, and pecuniary legacies to daughters Elizabeth Gorham and Mehitable Gardner. The son Samuel "was sufficiently advanced." Residue of estate

to sons Jethro, Barnabas, Jonathan and James. The witnesses were Nathan Pease, William Smith, Shubael and Eleazer Folger.

January 28, 1723. Matthew Jenkins was appointed guardian of Eleazer, minor child of John Arthur.

July 10, 1724. Will of Mary Coffin probated. Witnesses, Nathaniel Starbuck, Eliphalet Smith, Jedidiah and Peter Fitch. Her son Stephen was executor. To daughters Dinah Norton, Judith Wilcox, Susannah Bunker, Anna Gardner and grandson Daniel Coffin, land that was given to me by my father-in-law Richard Swain. The father and grandfather of these daughters were still living.

November 11, 1724. Will of William Worth probated on testimony of witnesses Nathan Folger, George, Deborah and Priscilla Bunker. To wife Damaris, house for life; also silver cup, great iron pot and middle brass kettle. Residue to son John.

December 28, 1724. Dinah Coffin, widow of Elisha, appointed administrator of his estate. She later married a Williams.

May 12, 1725. Will of Stephen Coffin probated. Witnesses, Nathaniel Starbuck, Eleazer Folger, Joseph Meader, Martha Hussey and Jabez Macy. To wife Experience, one half of estate for life, including fishing and whaling voyages on Nantucket shoals. To son Shubael, land that I bought of my father-in-law Thomas Look, and other lands to son Zephaniah. To daughters Hephzibah and Dinah, land at Quaise.

July 10, 1727-'28. Will of Matthew Hanlin, seafaring man, probated. To Lydia Coffin, my watch. To Hannah Covill of Chatham, Humphrey Ellis and Jonathan Galley, rest of his property.

July 17, 1728. Will of John Trott, weaver, probated. Estate for life to wife Ann. It was uncertain whether sons James and Joseph were living. Pecuniary legacies to daughters Tabitha, Elizabeth, Rachel Mary, Abigail and Priscilla, lands in New Hampshire. To son John and to son Benjamin, lands at Nantucket.

July 17, 1728. Will of Richard Gardner probated. To daughters Miriam and Lydia Coffin and granddaughter Ruth Gardner, £150 each. Residue to sons Joseph, Solomon, Benjamin and Peter.

Oct. 8, 1728. Ruth Coffin widow of George, appointed administratrix of his estate valued at 1230£. Before Feb. 1729 the widow had married an Upham. The estate went to widow and three minor daughters of the deceased under 14 not named. The inventory scheduled Coles dictionary, clock, silver tankard, cups and spoons, oxenbrigs, sheets, napkins and table cloths, a clock reel, $\frac{1}{2}$ of sloop Ruby 170£, and cash 236£, gold buttons and Bible.

Dec. 7, 1728. Ebenezer Gardner appointed administrator of estate of Africa a free negro, valued at 102£. In his estate was a Bible and other books and a compass.

Mar. 14, 1728. Hepsibah Smith, widow of Eliphalet, administratrix of his estate.

Sept. 2, 1729. Keturah Arthur administratrix of estate of Eunice Arthur, single woman. Estate to go to her brothers and sisters.

Dec. 18, 1729. Mercy Coffin, widow of Prince, administratrix of his estate, valued at 420£. Only children were two minor daughters who were placed under guardianship Feb. 7, 1746, and they were Hannah and Mary.

Oct. 13, 1729. Mary Gardner, widow of Nathaniel, administratrix of his estate. She later married a Coleman. Inventory included 7 pewter porringers, silver cup, spoons, buckles, snuff box, part of Sloop Kingfisher, and a Negro boy. The estate went to widow and two children, Nathaniel and Mary, both under 14.

July 6, 1730. Will of Peleg Bunker probated. To wife Susannah, house for life and then to son William. Other real estate to sons Uriah and Johnathan. Legacies to daughters Priscilla, Mary, Elizabeth, Christian, Judith Coffin, Dinah Williams and Hepsabeth Smith.

Jan. 13, 1730. Will of Ebenezer Coffin probated. To wife Eleanor all estate for life. His real estate according

to his own statement was worth as follows: Nantucket 1200£; Tuckanuck 500£ and Boston 300£. This he devises to his children Cromwell, Alexander, Valentine, Joseph, Benjamin, Love, Jane and the children of son Prince, deceased. The division of the estate was made in 1746 and it was distributed to Cromwell Coffin, Abel Gardner, guardian; Elias Coffin, Jane Bunker, Joseph Coffin, Benjamin Coffin and Uriah Gardner, guardian.

Feb. 12, 1730. Hannah Manning, widow of William, administratrix of his estate which included an old and a new house. Only children were two minors, David and Phebe.

Jan. 7, 1732. Will of Charles Crosby proved witnesses Samuel Gardner, Samuel Stanton, David Gardner and Joseph Jenkins. A small legacy to sister Martha and residue to brother William.

Nov. 1, 1734. Will of Ebenezer Coleman probated, one of the witnesses being Benjamin Frost. After a legacy to Brother Joseph, the balance to wife Sarah.

Jan. 3, 1734. George Hussey administrator, estate of Paul Coffin, valued at 4876£, including $\frac{1}{2}$ share of Nantucket 3200£; 1-24 of Tuckanuck 550£ and 1-12 of Quaise 300£. The estate passed to widow Mary Coffin, who had married a Pierce [probably Clothier] and to children.

Peter, aged 17, of whom George Hussey was guardian, Mary and Paul under 14 of whom Clothier Pierce was guardian.

Feb. 7, 1734. Judith Barnard, widow of Benjamin, appointed administratrix of his estate, appraised at 2610£. The following were some of the items in the inventory. share of Old Wharf; 5-12 of sloop Ranger; $\frac{1}{4}$ of mill; silver cup and spoons; 1-12 of woman's school house and 1-18 of man's school house; a whole boat, oars, craft to the boat; house at Weweder. [An outfit for shore whaling.] Elwood's Sacred History. He left seven children, Abigail who had married and Timothy who were of age: Francis 17; John 15 and Abishai, Nathaniel and Mary, all under 14. In the division the house went to Timothy.

Sept. 5, 1735. Probated will of Stephen Coffin "aged and infirm," witnesses Samuel Coffin, William Gardner, Lydia Barney, Elizabeth Moores. His children Stephen, Peter, Paul, Daniel, Dinah Norton and Mehitable Smith, had died. Most of estate given to daughter Susannah Bunker, Anna Gardner, Judith Wilcox and grand daughters Keziah Gardner, Anna Starbuck and Mary Coleman.

Jan. 17, 1735. John Pinkham son of Jonathan, administrator of his father's estate amounting to 854£. The deceased had daughters Lydia and Elizabeth, of whom Andrew Myrick was guardian and Jonathan, aged 13, Hannah and Zephaniah of whom John Pinkham was guardian, and there were Solomon and Job, who were of age. There was a great number of persons paid from this estate which suggests that the deceased owed some of them as employees. Their names are given in the following list:

John Pinkham, Solomon Pinkham, Shuball Pinkham, Theophilus Pinkham, Andrew Myrick, Isaac Myrick, Ebazer Folger, Anna Folger, Jonathan Folger, Daniel Folger, John Coffin, Jonathan Coffin, Richard Coffin, Nathaniel Coffin, James Coffin, Ebenezer Barnard, Judith Barnard, Rachel Chase, Leah Paddock, Nathaniel Paddock, Andrew Gardner, Mary Gardner, Benjamin Gardner, Keziah Gardner, Jeremiah Gardner, Ebenezer Gardner, Jeremiah Gardner, George Gardner, Jonathan Gardner, Reuben Gardner, John Gardner, Solomon Coleman, Jonathan Coleman, Nathan Coleman, Jethro Coleman, Thomas Clark, Hannah Daggett, Elihu Lumber, Richard Swain, John Swain, Jonathan Moores, Jethro Starbuck, Paul Starbuck, Samuel Barker, Silvanus Allen, Matthew Jenkins, Selvaus Hussey, Thomas Brock, John Beard, John Sadler, Jedidiah Fitch, Peter Fitch, Edward Bennett, Wm. Stratton, Richard Macy, Daniel Bunker, Joseph Worth, Richard Worth, Micah Gundy, Benjamin Trott, Samuel Maxey.

Feb. 20, 1735. The estate of Joshua Sevelle, laborer. amounting to 200£, as there were no children or kindred, was ordered paid to his widow, Elizabeth.

Dec. 9, 1737. Nathan Coffin, guardian of Judith Coffin, 15 years old and daughter of Elisha Coffin.

Sept. 2, 1737. Will of Shubael Coffin probated, one of the witnesses being Thomas Carver. Widow was Priscilla, brother Zephaniah and sisters Hephzibah Barnard and Dinah Folger. Servant Bristol to be free at the age of thirty.

Dec. 2, 1737. Keziah Gardner, widow of Jethro, administratrix of his estate.

At the same date Abigail Pinkham, widow of John, administratrix of his estate worth 670£. Silver buckles, spoons and buttons, scheduled.

Dec. 12, 1737. Nathan Folger, administrator of estate of John Arthur, valued at 1350£. The persons to whom it was distributed were Eunice, Thomas, Keturah, Stephen, Eleazer and Priscilla Arthur and Persis Black.

Oct. 30, 1728. John Coffin administrator of the estate of Francis Coffin who left three minor children, one daughter and two sons. Estate 825£, including one Indian boy Joseph.

March 2, 1739. Will of John Swain, probated. His house and furniture to wife Experience for life and after her the furniture to daughters Ruth Upham, Katherine Wyer, Hannah Gardner, and the children of a deceased daughter, Priscilla Bunker. The real estate went to sons William, John, Eliokim, Stephen and George. Dated June 22, 1728. One of the witnesses was Moses Giles. His personal estate was 222£, including silver tankard, cup and spoons. Daniel Bunker was the husband of Priscilla who had died and she had left three minor children.

Sept. 7, 1739. Will of Wm. Gardner, cooper, probated, one witness being Ebenezer Calef. He left a wife, Hepsibah, and three sons and two daughters, not named.

Dec. 31, 1739. Probated will of Samuel Barker, described as of Falmouth. Witnesses were Joseph Marshall, Stephen Harper and James Hinckley. To daughter Deborah, the property which came to me from my former wife, who was

her mother. The income of the rest of my estate to my widow, Bethia and after her to children Robert, Samuel, Josiah and Judith. He left 1490£. The inventory included four slaves: Man Primas 60£, Woman Zubuiah 80£, Child Boston 5£, Mulatto Pero 30£, and a punch bowl. In the account is an item "lost Negro woman Zubinah."

The children under age were Robert 18, Samuel 16, and Josiah 14. Judith died before March 1743.

May 29, 1740. Probated will of Manuel Gabriel, dated at sea. Witnesses Joseph Worth and Matthew Pate. Property given to wife and children.

Dec. 19, 1740. David Clark, administrator estate of Thomas Clark, valued at 820£. It went to Elizabeth Clark, widow and to children David, Jonathan, Peter, Josiah, Simeon, Amos, Abigail and Jerusha, wife of Shubael Folger.

March 6, 1741. Probated will of Sarah Odar, single woman. Her estate was given to her sister Lois Stratton, wife of Caleb.

Sept. 15, 1741. Simeon Bunker, administrator estate of George Bunker.

At same date probated will of James Coffin, who gave property to wife, Ruth and to his eight children, three daughters not named, and sons Nathan, James and Benjamin, and children of deceased children George and Sarah Gardner.

May 6, 1743. Sarah Worth, widow of Richard Worth, cordwainer, administratrix of his estate.

July 2, 1744. Probated will of John Swain, mariner. Income to wife, Mary, and the estate to children Elijah Francis, Tristram, Seth, Christian Folger, Ruth, Priscilla, Anna, Eunice and Jemima. Estate 1007£, including a large and small porringer, a cup, tankard, book by Geo. Fox and Sacred History and Life of David.

July 25, 1743. Sarah Stanton, widow of Samuel, administratrix of his estate, amounting to 900£. She soon after married a Pinkham.

March 27, 1744. Peter Barnard, carpenter, administrator

estate of Nathaniel Barnard, mariner, valued at 690£. Estate given to Judith Wilcox, mother of deceased. It appeared that Peter was brother of Nathaniel and they had a sister Elizabeth Coleman, who had died leaving a son Nathaniel. In the inventory was included an epitome, gold buttons, watch and chainy punch bowl.

Feb. 1, 1744. Probated will of George Bunker, Esq., former Judge of Probate, dated May 1743. Part of his house to his widow Deborah for life and then with other estate to three sons, Daniel, John and Caleb.

Aug. 1, 1745. Nathaniel Coleman, son of Barnabas, was 16 years old and placed under guardianship.

Oct. 4, 1744. Inventory of John Swain filed by Mary Swain, executrix, amounting to 1007£. It included 2 large silver porringers and 2 small, a silver spout cup, 1 clock, 1 large tankard, 1 large looking glass, 11 silver buttons, $\frac{1}{2}$ share Old Wharf and 1-3 sloop Humburd. This estate went to four sons Elijah, Francis, Tristram and Seth.

December, 1744. Ben Abel, Indian Sachem, left estate £89.

February 7, 1746. Caleb Stratton administrator estate of William Stratton, chairmaker, amounting to £220.

February, 1746. Alexander Coffin, Ebenezer Coffin, sons of Alexander, were minors and placed under guardianship.

November, 1746. John Renuff had died leaving a widow Sarah and his only child Elizabeth, wife of William Abrahams, Jr.

February 6, 1747. Uriah Gardner admin. estate Daniel Bunker, which amounted to £2,214, and included one-third of a whale sloop and two-thirds share new wharf. He left a son Joseph, 19, and Tristram, who was under 14. Estate included law books, dictionary, silver tankard, porringer, cup, spoons and buttons.

February, 1746. Ruth Gardner, daughter of Uriah, was a minor and a guardian was appointed.

The will of Stephen Arthur, dated April, 1737, was probated July 3, 1747. Three-quarters of his estate given for life to sister Priscilla, and residue to "my friend Thomas Brock."

Will of Nathan Folger, dated June, 1745, and probated September, 1747. Personal estate given to children Timothy, Leah Paddock, Esther, Judith Jenkins; and house and lands devised to sons Abishai, Peter and Barzillai.

Will of Joseph Gardner, dated April, 1743, and probated October, 1747. To son Bethuel, my clock and the house at Wesco, formerly my father's dwelling. Specific devises to children Patience Brock, Margaret Chase, and to grand children, Timothy Gardner, Mary Gardner, Obed Gardner, and residue to sons Bethuel, Charles, Shubael and Caleb. When the estate was divided in December, 1748, it is stated that the son Shubael had died at sea. He gave income of certain estate to wife Ruth.

November, 1747. The children of John Coffin, who left no will, agree on a division, Richard for himself and as guardian of his brother, Elias, Judith Gardner and Ebenezer, her husband; and Abigail Folger and her husband Zaccheus.

Will of James Gardner, haberdasher, dated 1747, and probated May, 1748. To wife Judith, one-half of his house, and to sister Judith and his brothers, the rest of his lands, and to his brethren, silver buckles, kalender, quadrant, great chest and desk.

1748. Inventory of estate of James Cadode, £88.

Will of John Barnard, dated December, 1736, and probated June 8, 1748. To wife Sarah, life estate; personal property to children Matthew, Samuel, Hannah and Jemima Coleman. Real estate to sons Samuel, Robert and Matthew.

Will of William Swan probated August, 1748, by which he gave all to his friend Thomas Carr.

Will of Joseph Marshall, cordwainer, dated 1743, and probated August 5, 1748. To wife Abigail, income of certain estate; to son Benjamin, his house and great church Bible. Pecuniary legacies to children Hawkins, Mary Folger, Margaret Wadsworth, Ruth Clark, and to grand children Charles, Cornelius, Abigail and Rebecca Chase. To son Joseph, residue, including books, fish house, flakes and boat craft.

August 5, 1748. Abigail Folger, widow of Daniel, administratrix of his estate, valued at £1,521, and including a silver tankard, clock, part of the windmill and Indian servant.

September, 1748. Probated will of Timothy Barnard that left estate to wife Mary and children not named, but by appointment of guardians it appeared that there were children, Judith, 17, Susannah, Mary, William and Timothy, 10. Estate £1,500, including a Dutch Bible.

October, 1748. Hannah Jones, widow of Thomas, administratrix of his estate, amounting to £217.

October, 1737. Inventory of estate of Jethro Gardner in old tenor amounted to £3,536, and included three-eighths of a sloop, Spanish iron, smith's tools, horse shoes, one-half share old wharf, a calash, and money, £489. 1748 his children Micah, Peter, Matthew and Jethro, all over 14, chose as their guardian "our honored father Paul Starbuck." The list of his heirs is elsewhere given, Peleg, Hezekiah, Peter, Matthew, Jethro, Judith, and heirs of son James, deceased.

May, 1749. The heirs of Daniel Folger were five children, Keziah Coffin, Daniel, Abigail and Mary, the last three being minors.

Will of John Swain, weaver, probated December, 1749. His legatees were wife Patience, daughter Hannah, sons Oliver and Chapman, grandsons John and Joseph Swain, daughters Dinah Cathcart, wife of Hugh, Deborah Chadwick, wife of Richard, and Ann Cartwright, wife of Samuel.

Will of Thomas Brock probated May 9, 1750. To his wife Patience, his great Bible. Negro man Robin to be free at the age of 30. His estate to widow and nine children, John, Joseph, Andrew, Thomas, Walter, Margaret, James, Ann and Elizabeth. His estate was appraised in old tenor at £16,192 and in modern currency was worth about one-sixth. The inventory covered a great quantity of silver and household articles. There were included a negro woman, still house, one-third try house and interests in nine sloops.

Jemima. Nantucket, Tryall, Susanna, Content, Hannah, Pearl, Fortune, Fame.

The division of the estate of Thomas Brock, made in April, 1771, was between John, William, Andrew and Walter Brock, Margaret Bunker, wife of Joshua, Janet Townsend, wife of James, Elizabeth Chase, wife of Benjamin, and Anna Brock.

Will of George Gardner, dated 1733, and probated May, 1750. After a life estate to wife Eunice and legacies to daughters Hephzebah Gardner and Priscilla Pinkham he gives his house to son Grafton, and to son Thomas, clock, try-house and kettles and silver tankard, and the residue to the same two sons.

Will of Jabez Bunker probated May 25, 1750. Legacies to daughters Hannah and Naomi Paddock. To sons Samuel and Benjamin, where Samuel's house stands; my house to sons Peter and Peleg and residue to sons Samuel, Paul, Benjamin, Peter, Abner and Peleg.

May, 1750. A guardian appointed for the minor children of Grindall Gardner, Timothy, 17, and Mary, 16.

August, 1750. Samuel Maxey, administrator estate of Robert Leach, amounting to £141.

Old tenor and lawful money. About 1750 throughout New England values were estimated in two standards of currency having the above names. Old tenor had become seriously debased. The fact is here mentioned without explaining the economic causes. The Register of Probate at Nantucket took some pains to record the relation between the two standards. Old tenor in one case was 177—11—8, and lawful money is stated as the equivalent 23—13—6, or nearly eight to one.

In 1756 old tenor in one case was £1,984, and lawful money its equivalent £264. In numerous cases where both methods are exhibited the same proportion is shown for several years. So at this period old tenor should be divided by 7.7 to obtain the appraisal according to the modern value of an English pound.

Will of Jonathan Upham, carpenter, probated August, 1750. To wife Ruth, an estate for life; a legacy to daughter Judith Deland; to son-in-law Henry Fitzgerald, one-fourth of my sloop; rest of estate to children, Mary, Susannah, Elizabeth Williams, Anna, Deborah Fitzgerald, Jonathan and grandson David Upham. Estate valued at £360.

Will of Eliakim Swain probated August, 1750. To daughters Priscilla, Rachel, Lydia and Hannah, cows commons. To son Charles. one-fourth of sloop Dove and one-third of mill I own with John Macy. To son Timothy, 16 years old, one-third of mill, my homestead. To wife Abigail, income from certain property. Balance to son Charles. His estate amounted to £1,018, and included a clock, two silver porringers, a tankard and sloops Dove and Ranger.

August 18, 1750. Hannah Chadwick, widow of Daniel. administratrix of his estate.

October, 1750. Elizabeth Phillips, widow of Micah, administratrix his estate, valued at £467. He left children, Sam, aged 14; Abraham, 16, and Daniel, 19.

October, 1752. Jonathan Pinkham, son of John, 17 years.

Will of Daniel Hussey probated December 31, 1750. Mentions father Silvanus and brother-in-law Barnabas Coleman. His estate to five children, Stephen, 19; Elizabeth; Daniel, 15; Rachel, 13, and Eunice, 10. Inventory £6369, including interests in sloops Mary, Hephzibah and Two brothers, Indian Boy and two shares in schoolhouse.

January 23, 1750. Richard Worth administrator estate of Benjamin Worth and guardian of Benjamin, Francis, minor sons of deceased.

March 23, 1750. Nathan Coffin administrator estate of Simeon Bunker, deceased, valued at £579. It was distributed to widow Huldah, who in 1753 had married a Barney, and to sons Bachelor and Simeon, the latter in 1754 being 16 and the former still a minor. Inventory included book on navigation, Seneca's Morals, Penn's Maxims and No Cross, No Crown.

January, 1752. Estate of Peter Coffin divided between

children Bartlett, Abner, Peter, Lydia Long, Margaret Bunker, Jerusha Matthews, Hannah Barnard. Bartlett Coffin was appointed administrator December, 1749, and the estate was valued at £5,076.

Will of John Macy probated February, 1752. To wife Judith, one-third estate for life. Sons Seth and William to have house. Land in Dartmouth devised to daughters, Ann Jenkins, Judith Macy, Sarah Gardner, Abigail, and the children of deceased daughter Miriam. Residue to sons Seth, John, David, Jonathan and William. The inventory amounted to £2,366 and included one-sixth of the Friendship, one-half try-house and kettles, great house, one-half sloop Kingfisher and one-fourth sloop Hannah.

Will of Eleazer Folger probated October 1, 1752. To widow Mary, income for life and then to children, Deborah Frost, Bethiah Margaret, Sophia, Mary, Urian, Charles, Stephen Eliphaz, Frederick and Peleg.

Will of Nathaniel Starbuck, dated 1742, and probated November, 1753. To wife Dinah, use of shipping, fishing and whaling vessels. House to son Tristram. Other real estate to son Paul. Rest of estate to six daughters, Elizabeth, Hepizbah, Abigail Way, Ruth Russell, Anna, Mary, and grandson Benjamin Starbuck. Abigail had a son Zaccheus Howes.

Will of William Macy probated November, 1753. Estate to widow Mary and two children, Lydia, 7, and William, 5. Inventory included interest in brig Friendship and tan vats

Will of Benjamin Trott, dated 1739, and probated August, 1754. Estate £1,517 given to wife Elizabeth and to children John, Benjamin, Mary, Rachel, Ann and Priscilla, Elizabeth, 14; Dinah, 11, and Abigail, 8.

September, 1754. Christian Allen, widow of Ebenezer, administratrix of his estate, valued at £190, and the same went to widow and children, Edward, 14; Ann, 12; Tristram, 10; Judith, 7; Ebenezer, 5. and Abigail, 3 years.

Will Isaac Coleman probated November, 1754. To wife Jane, furniture. To kinsman Daniel Coleman, his house.

To kinsman Elihu Coleman, land at Mill Brook. To kinsman George Coleman, an oval table. To kinsman Peter Coleman, bed. To kinsman John Coleman, Bible.

February, 1755. Elizabeth Swain, widow of Joseph, administratrix of his estate.

1755. Estate of Richard Swain, valued at £719, included an interest in a schooner and an old brig, and was distributed to widow Elizabeth and to children, Joseph, Anna Bunker, Jonathan, David, Richard, Christopher, 20; Lydia, 17; Elizabeth, 14; Hepzibah, 12, and Mary, 10.

May, 1756. Abigail Starbuck, widow of John Starbuck, administratrix of his estate, valued at £1,984. Child Ann, 2 years old.

Will of Thomas Carr, probated October 1, 1756. Estate given to wife Mary and daughter Mary, and to sons-in-law Uriah, Obed and John Bunker. Inventory £6,900, included five-sixteenths sloop Desire.

Will of Joseph Coleman probated December, 1756. To wife Rachel and son Ebenezer, his house. Legacies to children Lydia, Abigail and Deborah. "If my son Joseph should return, he to have my quadrant and seafaring books." Residue to Ebenezer, Timothy, 14, and Joseph, 17.

Will Jedediah Fitch probated March, 1754. His wife Abigail was not mentioned. Estate to children Elizabeth Calef, Peter, Mary Bailey, widow, and Beriah.

Will of Jethro Gardner probated August, 1757. Estate given to wife Dinah and daughter Hephzibah.

Will Benjamin Swain probated September 5, 1757. To wife Mary, one-half of my house and to son Jethro other half. To children Patience Russell, Peleg, Christopher, Lydia Worth, and to children of my son Nathaniel, Abigail, 18, and Lydia, 16.

Will of Robert Coffin, dated 1750, and probated 1757. Estate £3,200 given to wife Susannah and to children Hepzibah, Catharine, Mary, Joanna, Susannah and Margaret.

November, 1757. Desire Bunker, widow of Zacchariah, administratrix of his estate.

Will of Judith Bunker probated October, 1758. She was sister of Hezekiah Gardner. Her estate was given to children Peter and Keziah.

October, 1758. Hannah Wyer, widow of Timothy, fellowmongre, administratrix of his estate, amounting to £1,462. His children were Edward, John, Sarah, Mary and Lydia, 16.

Will of Matthew Jenkins probated December, 1758. Mentions share in schoolhouse. To wife Mary, one-half of my house and rest of estate to children Peter, Sarah Hussey, Mary Butler, Joseph, and the children of his son Thomas and daughter Bethia Bunker, both deceased.

January, 1758. Estate John Ellis administered. He had two children, May, 1759, were placed under guardianship, Robert, 13, and Sarah, 9.

Will Paul Starbuck, June, 1759. Estate given to wife Elizabeth, children Edward, Joseph, Samuel, Hepzibah Hussey, Abigail Hussey, Mary Coffin, Anna Pinkham, Dinah Starbuck, a minor, Elizabeth Coffin.

May, 1759. Samuel Coffin of Edgartown, administrator estate Jonathan Coffin.

July, 1759. Robert Coffin left 10 children, not named, one of whom was Robert, a minor.

October 6, 1759. Jemima Coffin, widow of James, administratrix of his estate.

Will of Matthew Gardner, probated December, 1759, gave estate to wife Susannah and daughters Judith, 5, and Ann.

December 10, 1759. Jonathan Myrick, administrator estate of Isaac Myrick, distributed to children Isaac, Mary Gardner, Hannah, Lydia Coffin, Rebecca, John, Timothy, William, Elizabeth, 10, the last four being minors.

Will of Hugh McCoy, probated January, 1760, gave estate to brothers and sisters, Robert, James, William, Margaret, Elizabeth, Jane and Ann.

April, 1760. Hannah Daggett, administratrix of the estate of her husband, Jacob Daggett. It went to their children Hepzibah Butler, Huldah Daggett, Joseph Daggett, and to the children of a deceased son Nathan, who were Stephen, 17; Hepzibah, 13; Timothy, 10, and Lydia.

May, 1760. Probated John Way's will. To widow Abigail and sons John, Paul and Seth the estate, amounting to £976, including one-third of mill and three-quarters of sloop Abigail.

Will Solomon Gardner, dated 1753 and probated July, 1761, gave estate to children, Elizabeth Swain, Sarah Joy, Mary Worth, Dinah Macy, Reuben, Stephen, David, Richard, Solomon and Paul.

Will of Joseph Starbuck probated November, 1760. He had a brother Samuel. Estate given to three minor children, Nathaniel, Hephzibah and Phebe. Estate £5,080 old tenor.

November, 1760. Probated will William Starbuck; gave estate to wife Lydia and to children, Anna, 7; Jethro, Judith Worth, Mary Macy; to grand children Jethro and Ebenezer Barnard, children of Jethro Barnard and deceased daughter, Eunice Barnard. Estate valued at £4,252.

January, 1761. Christopher and Joshua Bunker, administrators estate of John Bunker, amounting to £3,692, including one-quarter sloop Ruby. He left two children, Elisha, aged 18, and Mary, also a minor.

Will of Judith Wilcox, dated 1756 and probated January, 1761. To son Peter Barnard, a great Bible. To son John Wilcox, the real estate from my mother, Mary Coffin. To grandson Nathaniel Barnard, what belonged to my son Nathaniel Barnard, whose father was Peter. Legacies to grandson Nathaniel Coleman, to children of my son Daniel Folger, deceased, to my daughter Mary Coleman. Rest to heirs of my daughters Keziah Starbuck and Anna Starbuck, both deceased.

February, 1761. From guardianship decrees it appeared that Tristram Bunker son of Daniel, 18; Peter Bunker, son of Peter, 6; Keziah Bunker, daughter of Peter, was over 21.

Will Mary Jenkins, probated May, 1761, gave estate to children Peter, Sarah Hussey, Mary Butler, Joseph, to grand child Ruth Bunker and to children of her daughter Bethia Bunker and son Thomas.

1761. James Bunker had left children, Elisha, 3, and William, 16.

Will of Robert Wyer, probated July, 1761, gave estate to wife Katherine and to children, William, Robert, Zachery, Ruth, Mary, Elizabeth, Phebe, Hephzibah.

September, 1761. Mary Storer, widow of Samuel, administratrix of his estate.

Will Peleg Gardner, probated October, 1761, gave estate to wife Eunice and to children, Barzillai, Keziah, Rachel, Sarah, Elizabeth.

February, 1762. Hephzibah Bunker, widow of Abishai, administratrix of his estate. Deceased left children, Abishai, 8; Miriam, 7; Thaddeus, 3; Hephzibah, 1.

Will of Hannah Wyer, probated April, 1762. The beneficiaries were Edward Wyer, son-in-law John Wyer, brother-in-law Richard Chadwick, brother Chapman and his children Patience, Judith, Deborah, Sarah; to Isaac and Mary Chase, my Indian girl, my grand children, Hannah, Mary and Dinah Wyer, kinswoman Susannah Moores, wife of Thomas, daughter-in-law Lydia Wyer, my sister Ann Cartwright, cousin Elizabeth Swain, wife of Peleg, cousin Phebe Cartwright, daughter of Samuel Cartwright, daughter-in-law Sarah Swain, wife, and Rhoda, daughter of Peter.

Will of Richard Worth, probated July 2, 1762, gave estate to wife Lydia grand children Francis and Benjamin Worth, both minors, and Mary and David Upham; daughters Priscilla Coleman, Eunice Gardner, Mary Baxter. Estate personal £818, included a Bible, silver tankard and interests in sloop Kit Baxter, Newcastle and Mary.

Will of Bartlett Coffin, probated August, 1762, gave estate to children, Rebecca, Christian Barker, Judith, Uriah, Enoch, Peleg.

Will of Jerusha Matthews, probated January, 1763, devised her estate to daughter Catherine Heath and to Abigail Jackson.

Will of Tristram Coffin, probated February, 1763, gave one cow commons to Nathaniel Macy, and rest of estate to children Abishai, Lydia, 13 years old, Jemima, Miriam, Huldah, all minors, and Phebe, who was probably of age.

Will of Peter Folger, probated March, 1763, gave estate to wife Christian and children Anna, Mary, Owen, Peter, Ruth, Lydia, Rachel, Eunice, Reuben.

Will Abigail Marshall, dated 1753 and probated May, 1763. She is described as a spinster. She gave her estate as follows: To grandchild Zaccheus Howes, land on Sheepscot River. To grandchild Mary Starbuck, land on Sheepscot River. To grandchild Abigail Marshall, furniture. To grandchild Mary Marshall, gold necklace and silver cup. To grandchild Jemima Marshall, silver porringer. To grandchild Huldah Marshall, silver spout cup. To grandchild Thomas Marshall, silver spoons marked A. H. To grandchildren Obed and Elihu Marshall, money. To son Joseph, the residue.

December, 1763. Mercy Chase, widow of Isaac, administratrix, his estate amounting to £350.

Will of Benjamin Gardner, probated February, 1764. Estate given to wife Hannah, son Robert, son-in-law Benjamin Russell and Rebecca his wife, grandsons Silvanus Gardner, Obadiah Gardner, son Benjamin. Mentions grandson Solomon Folger.

Will of Urian Folger, probated February, 1764. After devises to brother Eliphaz and son-in-law Benjamin Pitts, the residue to wife Judith.

February, 1764. Uriah Gardner, administrator estate of Ebenezer Gardner.

Will of Samuel Coffin, probated March, 1764. Estate given to children John, William, David, Deborah Starbuck, Miriam Pinkham, Mary Barnard, Priscilla Coleman and the heirs of a deceased daughter, Sarah Pinkham.

April, 1764. William Rotch, administrator estate Samuel Gorham.

Will of Damaris Coffin, dated 1754 and probated October 5, 1764. Her estate amounted to £912, included silver tankard, cup and spoons, and was given to children William, Benjamin, Gayer, Nathaniel, Dorcas Soley, Lydia Chase, Christian Edwards, Katherine Gardner and children of de-

ceased son Charles. When the division was made in 1765, children Gayer, Charles and Lydia had died.

Will of Philip Pollard, probated February, 1765, gave a life estate to his widow Mehitable and his sister Elizabeth. Legacies were provided for daughters Elizabeth and Mary Gardner, wife of Solomon Gardner, and the rest to son George, who received specifically "my house, clock, silver tankard, large oval table, large looking glass and one-half of my printed books.

Will of Robert Barnard, probated October, 1765. Son Nathaniel received land in the Barnard Fish lot on Wescow Hill; son Matthew had land where Stephen Hussey's blacksmith shop stood; son Robert, land in Newtown, where my daughter Eunice Ray's house stands; sons Abishai and Shubael, land in Newtown; and to son Jonathan, other land. To wife Hepsibah, estate for life, and then to six sons. Personal estate given to daughters Eunice, Elizabeth, Hepsibah, Sarah and Anna.

Administration granted October, 1766, on estate of Alexander Gardner.

October, 1766. John Rand, administrator estate of Caleb Rand, and Rachel Clark, administratrix of estate of James Clark.

October, 1766. Elisha Pinkham, aged 11, and Nathaniel Pinkham, 5, both sons of Nathaniel, placed under guardianship.

December, 1766. Administration on estate of Joseph Daws.

March, 1767. Shubael Gardner, 16, son of Joseph, placed under guardianship; also Thomas Arthur was appointed guardian of Rhoda Arthur, 14, child of John; also Eunice Gardner, widow of Joseph, guardian of her younger children.

March, 1767. The estate of Ebenezer Gardner included lands and houses valued at £4,000. His first wife was named Eunice and the second Judith, who was living at the date of the division. There had been ten children, to whom the estate was distributed: Uriah, Samuel, Ebenezer, Lydia

Hawes, Joseph, Peleg, Margaret Mayo, Anna Chase, the children of the wife of Shubael Barnard, deceased, and Rhoda Arthur, daughter of John Arthur.

Will of Sylvanus Hussey, probated March, 1767, is long and indicates that he was a wealthy man. To each of ten of his descendants he devised the house and land where he lived. His own old house going to son Joseph. No inventory is on record, but he owned considerable shipping. No widow is mentioned, but the estate was given to his children, Obed, Jonathan, Christopher, William, Bachelor, Nathaniel, Silvanus, George, Joseph, Rachel Coleman, Hepzibah Coleman, grand children Benjamin, Obed, Stephen and Daniel Hussey, Elizabeth Coffin, Rachel Mitchell, Eunice Worth, Seth Hussey, and daughter-in-law Sarah Hussey.

Will of Elijah Pitts, probated February, 1767. Bible and shoe buckles went to his mother, Jedidah Folger, and the rest of his estate to wife Thankful for life, and after them to Elijah Pitts, son of my brother Benjamin.

Will of Ebenezer Barnard, probated June 5, 1767. His house was given to his wife and son Stephen and the rest to his children William, Lydia and Jemima Coffin.

Will Peter Gardner, probated July, 1767, mentions land between the mill and schoolhouse, near house of Stephen Chase. The estate passed to wife Elizabeth and children Enoch, Deborah, Elizabeth, Lydia Hammond, Love Coffin and Beulah Coffin.

Will of Joseph Swain, probated October, 1767, gave an estate valued at £957 to wife Elizabeth, to daughters Elizabeth and Eunice, and his house and lands to son Joseph, the same being near Benjamin Fosdick's, and he mentions his brother, Jonathan Swain.

Will of Shubael Pinkham, probated November, 1767, gave his estate to widow Abigail for life and then to children, Richard, Benjamin, Shubael, Daniel, Mary Coffin, Ruth Coleman, Anna Gardner, Abigail Macy, and Phebe Bunker. To son Benjamin, "all my Looms."

January, 1768, Margaret Chase, widow, appointed administratrix of the estate of her husband Stephen.

Will of Richard Coffin, probated April, 1768, gave estate to widow Ruth and to children, Barnabas, Richard, Francis, Silvanus, Lydia Anthony wife of Joseph, Judith Macy, Abigail Worth, Ruth Folger, and to children of my deceased daughter Phebe Swain.

November, 1767. A guardian appointed for Barnabas Gardner, insane.

Will of John Coffin, probated May, 1768, transferred his estate to wife Lydia and children Peter, Jethro, John, Richard, Keziah Gardner, Deborah Myrick, Lydia Fosdick, Parnal Brock, and to granddaughters Mary and Parnal Paddock, children of my daughter Parnal Brock. In his estate were enumerated a silver Tankard, spoons and a "Clash."

June, 1768. A guardian appointed for Silas Rand, son of Caleb, aged 14.

May, 1768. Inventory of estate Benjamin Chase included a Desk, large looking glass, silver tankard, and spoons.

June, 1768. Elisha Gardner, blacksmith, and George Gardner, Gentleman, were appointed administrators of the estate of Jeremiah Gardner.

On same date, probated will of Francis Coffin, which gave an estate for life to wife Ann and then to children, of which only Hepsibah is named.

Will of John Ellis, probated August, 1768, gave estate to wife Dinah and then to children William, Abigail, Dinah Gardner, Hepzibah, Susannah and Deborah.

October, 1768. Probated will of Barnabas Gardner. His wife was Mary and children were Mary Worth wife of Francis, Hannah, Susannah Russell, Jedediah, Abigail, Hepzibah, Jethro, Zaccheus, Jonathan.

Will of Nathan Coffin, probated January, 1768, gave estate to wife Lydia and children Nathan, Charles and others not named.

November, 1769. Will of Hezekiah Coffin probated and gave estate to wife Lydia and then to children Mary, Elijah, Elizabeth, Uriah, Abihu, Eliel, Lebbeus and Laban. Lebbeus was "a poor decrepid child."

January, 1769. Benjamin Clark, administrator of estate of John Clark.

April, 1769. Phebe Meader, administrator estate of her husband Nason Meader.

June, 1769. Eunice Ray, administratrix estate Samuel Ray, and at the same date guardians were appointed for his children Barnabas and Elizabeth, who were over 14, and Christopher, Daniel, Samuel, Mary and Jonathan, who were under that age.

Will Nathaniel Hussey, probated July, 1769, gave to wife Judith, estate for life and then to children Francis, David, Peleg, Abraham, Nathaniel, Phebe and Rachel.

March, 1770. Nathaniel Coffin was appointed guardian for his sisters-in-law Miriam and Huldah Coffin, children of Tristram.

April, 1770. Will of David Baschard, a native of London, Tavern Keeper, was probated. Besides a legacy to his sister Mary, his estate was given to his wife Elizabeth, and included a negro girl slave and a pew in the Congregational Meeting House. His estate valued at £1000.

At the same date, a guardian was appointed for Francis and Hepzibah Coffin, children of Francis, deceased.

Will of Daniel Pinkham, probated July, 1770, gave estate to wife Abigail, brother Theophilus and to Peleg, son of my brother Peleg.

Will of Abishai Gardner, probated October, 1770, mentions the fact of a former marriage "before I married last," and that his father was Robert, and Christopher Starbuck was his brother-in-law. His estate was given to his wife Mary and daughters Phebe and Lydia.

November, 1770. Reuben Gardner was appointed administrator of estate of Thaddeus Gardner, in whose estate was a mulatto Boy.

Will of Priscilla Trott, probated January, 1771, gives estate to Kinsman Benjamin Trott and Kinswoman Ann Trott.

Will of Mary Barnard, probated February, 1771, gave

estate to children Lydia Folger, Miriam Clark, John Worth, Christopher Worth, Jonathan Worth, Stephen and Wm. Barnard and to grandchildren Abishai, Phebe, Lydia, Jemima, Miriam and Huldah Coffin. She had a son-in-law Jonathan Folger.

May, 1771. Daniel Pinkham, cooper, and Hepzibah Pinkham, widow, admrs. of estate of Benjamin Pinkham.

On the same date Parnel Coffin, widow of Edward, administratrix of his estate.

June, 1771. Paul Paddock, administrator estate of Nathaniel Paddock.

At same date, administration on estate of Elijah Daggett.

Will of Wm. Barnard, probated August, 1771, gave estate to wife Mary and to children. In 1777 when the Division was made the children were Mary, Tristram, Miriam Macy, Obed, Paul, Eunice Swain, Lydia Coffin and Phebe.

September, 1771. Hezekiah Gardner, Cordwainer, administrator estate of Peter Gardner.

Will of Abel Gardner, probated October, 1771, transferred estate to wife Priscilla and children Priscilla Russell, Sarah Gardner, Phebe Rawson, Elizabeth Aldridge, Eunice Bunker, Nathan, Ephraim, Shubael, James, Joshua, Abel, Heirs of my children Abigail and Joshua, both deceased.

January, 1772. Guardian appointed for children of Edward Coffin, deceased, Christopher above 14, Peter, Edward and Sarah.

Will of Robert Macy, probated January, 1772, gave estate to children Nathaniel, Robert, John, Judith Stratton, Elizabeth Moores, John, Abigail, Mary Eunice; grandchildren Deborah Cartwright. Phebe and Lydia Gardner, and to his widow Abigail Macy.

At the same date, administration on estate of Samuel Maxey.

Will of Solomon Coleman, probated February, 1772, gave to wife Deliverance a life estate, and the rest to children Hepzibah, Christopher, Abigail Coffin, Elizabeth Gwinn Hepzibah, Daniel, Peleg, George, Francis, Solomon.

At the same date, will of James Proctor gave all estate to wife Lydia.

April, 1772. Will of Lemuel Barnard gave his estate, one half to his brother Matthew and the other half to the children of his brother Robert, who were Jonathan, Matthew, Nathaniel, Robert, Abishai and Shubael.

Will of John Jackson, probated April, 1772, gave estate to wife Abigail.

May, 1772. Richard Chadwick, administrator estate of Patience Swain.

At the same date, probated the will of Elias Coffin, which gave estate to wife Love, sons-in-law John Woodbury and Jeremy Prior, and to children Anna Pinkham, Jane, Dinah, Elias, Prince, John, Merab and Love. The silver Tankard went to Anna.

June, 1772. Probated will of Jethro Folger, which transferred his estate to children John, Tristram, Jethro, Anna Mitchell, Lydia Coffin, Eunice Coleman, the heirs of my deceased daughter Jedidah Gardner, and my grandson Paul Swain.

At the same date, Judith Barnard, widow, appointed administratrix estate of her husband Christopher, which was valued at £1322.

July, 1772. Guardian appointed for children of Christopher Barnard, namely Christopher and two daughters not named.

July 28, 1772. Will of Joseph Macy probated. It transferred estate to wife Hannah and to children Mary, Bertha Swain, Joseph, Henry, Paul and Enoch.

August, 1772. Administration on estate of Wm. Bunker.

January, 1773. Elizabeth Moores, administratrix of estate of her husband Alexander.

At the same date, administration on estate of Daniel Hussey, valued at £3300, and included one-fourth sloop Harlequin and Mayflower, and a Silver Tankard.

Will of Jonathan Coffin, probated March, 1773, gave estate to wife Hepzibah and children Jonathan, Joshua, Susannah,

Anna Paddock, Mary Hussey, Heirs of son Henry, and of daughter Hepzibah, and James Coffin, son of my son James, deceased.

Will of Eliphalet Paddock, probated April, 1773, gave estate to wife, Naomi, children Jonathan, Benjamin, Silas, Eliphalet, David, Hannah, children of my son Joseph, of my deceased daughter Abigail, and to my granddaughters Mary and Parnel Paddock.

May, 1773. Elizabeth Moores, widow of Alexander, appointed guardian of Reuben and four other children of herself and Alexander.

June, 1773. The settlement of the estate of Benjamin Pinkham was approved, his four youngest children not named placed under guardianship. It appears that his widow Hepzibah had married a Coffin, that Charles was the oldest child and there were seven others not named.

December, 1773. Administration on estate of George Macy. He left widow Margaret and son George, 3 years old.

January 7, 1774. Administration on estate of Zaccheus and Lydia Howes.

Will of Richard Coffin, probated Feb., 1774, gave estate to daughter Lydia and named as executor his brother-in-law Benjamin Fosdick.

February, 1774. Tristram Swain appointed guardian of his nephew James Coffin, son of James, over 14.

February, 1774. Samuel Gardner appointed guardian of his niece Anna Howes, daughter of Zaccheus, aged 15.

March 4, 1774. Ruth Meader, widow of Nicholas, administratrix estate of her husband.

April, 1774. Hannah Lambert, widow of Zaccheus, administratrix of his estate.

At same date, Benjamin Chase, son of Isaac, deceased, aged 14, placed under guardianship.

May, 1774. The widow of Daniel Hussey, Hepzibah, had become insane and was placed under guardianship, and so were his children Joseph, Timothy and Alpheus.

September, 1774. Administration on estate of John Hall.

September, 1774. Benjamin and Hepzibah Barnard were appointed administrators of estate of Stephen Barnard.

Will of William Aldrich probated November 4, 1774, and gave all estate to his wife Abigail.

November 4, 1774, Lydia Folger, widow of Shubael, was appointed administratrix of his estate.

Will of Peleg Pinkham, probated January, 1775, gave estate to wife Susannah and to children Peleg and Judith Coffin.

January, 1775. Mary Pinkham, daughter of James Coffin and granddaughter of Jonathan Coffin, was not named in the will of the latter, but her claim on that account was not allowed.

Will of Zephaniah Coffin, probated January, 1775, and gave estate to wife Abigail and children Solomon, Mary Bunker, Miriam Macy, Abigail Bunker, Shubael, Paul, Zephaniah and Stephen and heirs of my two deceased daughters, Hepzibah Coffin and Dinah Bunker.

Will of Ruth Upham, probated March, 1775, and estate went to children, Abigail Smith, Eunice Brown, Priscilla Ramsdell, granddaughter Anna Williams, son-in-law James Williams and grandson Jethro Starbuck.

Will of William Long, probated May, 1775, gave all estate to wife Lois.

May, 1775. Will of Nathaniel Folger was probated and gave estate to children Elizabeth Pease, Rebecca Merchant, Judith Heath and Paul.

Will of Peter Barnard, probated June, 1775, transferred estate to kinsman, Nathaniel Coleman, wife Anna, and children Nathaniel, Peter, Daniel, Elisha, Elizabeth Ray, Judith Barnard, grand children, Christopher Barnard, children of my deceased son Christopher, two children of my deceased daughter, Eunice Starbuck, and my granddaughter, Lucinda Barnard.

Will of George Brown, probated July, 1775, gave estate to wife Abigail and to children Elizabeth, Mary, Priscilla Briant, Abigail Macy, Francis, James and Joseph.

August, 1775. Administration on estate of John Osborne to widow Sarah.

August, 1775. Administration on estate of Francis Higgins, whose only heir was a sister, Hope Breton.

November, 1775. Estate of Robert Russell divided between the widow Jemima and Benjamin Russell.

December, 1775. Estate of Peter Bunker divided between Peter Bunker and Jonathan Bunker.

December, 1775. Lucy Morton, widow of Taber Morton, administratrix of his estate, valued at £1,850.

December, 1775. Sarah Hussey, widow of Seth, administratrix of his estate.

Will of Ebenezer Calef, probated June, 1776, gave estate to wife Elizabeth and to children Robert, Ebenezer, Mary Hussey, wife of Obed, Elizabeth Brock, wife of William, Margaret Coggeshall, wife of Paul.

July 5, 1776. Moses Giles, administrator estate of John Way, valued at £1,500 and included share in windmill.

Will of Benjamin Trott, probated August, 1776, gave estate to mother Elizabeth and to sisters Ann and Priscilla.

August, 1776. Estate of Patience Swain divided between Chapman Swain, Dinah Catheart, Ann Cartwright, Deborah Chadwick and Oliver Swain.

Will of Jabez Macy, probated September, 1776, gave estate to wife Sarah and to children Eunice Beard, Lydia Jenkins, Sarah Macy, Jethro, daughter-in-law Rachel Macy, sons Daniel and Matthew.

December, 1776. The settlement of the estate of Peter Gardner required the appointment of guardians for children Matthew, Margaret, who chose their uncle Hezekiah Gardner, and two others not named. The widow Deborah had married a Coleman.

May, 1777. Division of estate of Jéremiah Gardner between children George, Elisha and Ruth Spooner.

Will Samuel Ray, probated October, 1776, gave estate to children Mary, William, John, David, Alexander, Enoch, Benjamin, Sarah Gardner, and children of my deceased son Samuel.

February, 1776. Administration on estate of Robert Barnard granted to widow Margaret.

March, 1777. Administration on estate of Peter Bunker.

Will of Thomas Starbuck, probated March, 1777, and transferred his estate to wife Rachel and to children Silvanus, William, Thomas, Gayer, Hezekiah, Elizabeth Folger, and the children of deceased daughter Rachel Gardner, viz.: Paul, Libni, George, Zenas, Lydia, Rachel and Dorcas.

April, 1777. Administration on estate of Andrew Myrick.

May, 1777. Administration on estate of Mary Ray granted to David Ray.

Will of Caleb Bunker, probated July, 1777, gave estate to wife Priscilla, son Caleb, John Brock, son of my deceased daughter, Anna Brock, Benjamin Bunker, son of my deceased son William, and the other children of William, Anna Gardner, William, Samuel, George, Mary and Priscilla, and other children of my deceased daughter Anna Brock, namely, Thomas, Margaret Coffin, John, Thaddeus and Lydia Brock.
* Will of Elizabeth Caleb, probated July, 1777, gave her estate to children Robert, Ebenezer, Mary Hussey, Elizabeth Brock and Margaret Coggeshall.

Will Jonathan Gardner, probated August, 1777, gave estate to wife Patience and children Elizabeth Coffin, Eunice Ray, Keziah Paddock, Ruth Crosby, Dinah Paddock, Mary Clark, Seth, Simeon, Elihu and Barnabas.

Will of Mary Barnard probated September, 1777, mentions the fact that her father was Samuel Coffin and that her children were Tristram, Paul, Miriam Macy, Eunice Swain, Lydia Coffin, Obed, Phebe and Mary, the last three being minors.

Will of Jonathan Pitts, probated September, 1777, gave estate to wife Huldah and four children not named.

September, 1777, administration on estate of Noah Pease granted to widow Anna.

October, 1777, John Worth appointed administrator estate to Mary Crosby.

January, 1778, Charles Pinkham guardian of his brother Obed, both being sons of Benjamin.

*Should read, will of Elizabeth Calef.

February, 1778, will of Abishai Folger probated and property passed to wife Dinah and children, William, George, Timothy, Abishai, John, Robert, Reuben, Sarah, Hepzibah and Dinah.

Will of Abigail Way probated February, 1778, gave estate to daughter, Mary Starbuck, and to grandchildren, Abigail Swain and Anna Howes.

Will John Worth probated June, 1778, and gave estate to wife Abigail and children, Deborah, George, Eliakim. Hannah, Elizabeth, David, Edmund. He had a brother-in-law, Edmund Heath.

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